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Break-in Leads to Leak Discovery

Police find chlorine leak at pool

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A group of teenagers broke into the Percy Walker Pool Saturday night, apparently to simply take a swim. If they hadn't, however, emergency officials may have never discovered a potentially dangerous chlorine leak.

The teens entered the building through an unlocked door, and police were called at about 11:15 p.m. by a pool employee who saw them leaving, said Lt. Lewis Chubb of the Duxbury Police. When police arrived on the scene, they discovered a stronger than usual odor of chlorine and called the Fire Department.

When fire crews arrived,

they discovered a leak in a piece of equipment that pumps in chlorine from a 55-gallon drum, said Deputy Fire Chief Christopher West. The Fire Department considered calling in a state hazardous materials team, but West said one of the responding firefighters used to work at the pool and was familiar with the equipment and they were able to temporarily patch the leak.

The firefighters did don protective gear, West said, as some of the liquid chlorine had spilled onto the floor, releasing a toxic vapor.

"We take that very seriously," he said. "The potential

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